

**COMMUNICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROSECUTION - GROUP ART UNIT 1651**

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
TAKASHI KENMOKU ET AL. ) : Examiner: S.M. Hanley  
Application No.: 10/531,572 ) : Group Art Unit: 1651  
Int'l Application No. PCT/JP03/13530 ) : Confirmation No. 2325  
Filed: October 23, 2003 ) :  
For: NEW )  
POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE :  
COMPRISING UNIT HAVING )  
(PHENYLMETHYL)OXY :  
STRUCTURE ON SIDE CHAIN )  
THEREOF, AND METHOD FOR :  
PRODUCING THE SAME ) : September 19, 2008

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

In response to the final Office Action dated July 2, 2008 in the above-captioned application, please consider the following remarks.